

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff/Respondent,

v.

No. CV 16-0608 RB/LAM
No. CR 05-0064 RB

RUBEN VARGAS DIAZ,

Defendant/Movant.

**ORDER DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO CONFER
AND FILE A JOINT STATEMENT IN LIGHT OF BECKLES**

THIS MATTER is before the Court *sua sponte* under Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Beckles v. United States*, 580 U.S. ___, No. 15-8544, slip op (March 6, 2017). Defendant/Movant, Tommy Pena, has filed a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 claiming that he improperly received an enhanced sentence as a career offender under the United States Sentencing Guidelines because the residual clause of USSG § 4B1.2 is unconstitutionally vague under the reasoning in *Johnson v. United States*, 576 U.S. ___, 135 S.Ct. 2551 (2015). See (CV Doc. 1; CR Doc. 161). In *Beckles*, the Supreme Court held that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not subject to a void-for-vagueness challenge. 580 U.S. ___, No. 15-8544, slip op at 5.

The Court directs the parties to confer on the question of whether the Supreme Court's ruling in *Beckles* is dispositive of all issues raised in this § 2255 proceeding, and to file a joint statement advising the Court of the results of their conference. If either party contends that *Beckles* does not dispose of all issues, the statement shall identify the issue or issues that remain

for determination by the Court after *Beckles* and the party raising the remaining issue or issues. The parties shall confer and file the joint statement **within fourteen days of entry of this Order. If neither party claims that any issues remain for adjudication following *Beckles*, the Court will enter an Order dismissing this § 2255 proceeding.** If the parties contend that issues still remain for determination, the Court will enter an order setting a schedule for supplemental briefing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties shall confer on the question of whether the Supreme Court's ruling in *Beckles* is dispositive of all issues raised in this § 2255 proceeding, and shall file a joint statement advising the Court of the results of their conference **within fourteen (14) days of entry of this Order.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.


LOURDES A. MARTÍNEZ
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE